

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended:) A personal item carrying device comprising:

a strap configured to be placed over a person and to extend from a first side of the person, along the front of the person, over the shoulder on a second side of the person, and return along the back of the person to the first side;

the strap adjustable via a member fixed to the strap at a first strap position and slidably engaged to the strap at a second strap position;

the strap also including an opener that enables the strap to be opened and thereafter be placed around the person's midsection and adjusted via the member; and

a carrier supported by the strap, the carrier sized to hold a personal item, wherein the carrier further comprises a center member, having longitudinal side edges and first and second sides, a first flap extending from a first longitudinal edge of the center member, a second flap extending from a second longitudinal edge of the center member, the first and second flaps configured to fold over the center member to cover the first side of the center member and around the strap to moveably secure the carrier to the strap, the center member when the first and second flaps are unfolded exposing the first side having a plurality of compartments sized to hold personal items, the carrier including at least one additional compartment located on the second side of the center member for holding a cellular phone, wherein the center member and the at least one additional compartment each comprises a cover that opens and closes to enable insertion and removal of the personal item or cellular phone.

2. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, which includes an assembly connected to end portions of the strap, the assembly including an attachment mechanism that connects the assembly to an item of apparel located substantially at the person's midsection.

3. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the opener is located between the end portions of the strap.

4. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the attachment mechanism is selected from the group consisting of: a spring clip, a lock, a hook and any combination thereof.

5. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 2, wherein the attachment mechanism is removable from the assembly.
6. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the opener includes an apparatus selected from the group consisting of: a buckle, a snap-fitting apparatus, a button, a magnetic device, a clip, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.
7. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier is slideably held by the strap.
8. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier defines at least one aperture that receives the strap.
9. (canceled)
10. (Currently amended) The personal item carrying device of Claim ~~[[9]]~~ 1, wherein the ~~folding—members~~ first and second flaps include an attachment device that attaches the ~~members~~ flaps to one another.
11. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the carrier is sized and structured to hold a plurality of personal items.
12. (cancelled)
13. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the personal item is selected from the group consisting of: a cell phone, a pager, a wallet, a passport, an airline ticket, a compact disk player, a compact disk, makeup, medicine, a credit/debit card, a driver's license, an airline card, an insurance card, a retail card, cash, a cigarette package, an address book, a digital music player, an internet access device, a camera, a small television, an email access device, an electronic apparatus and any combination thereof.
14. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the strap and the carrier is made from a material selected from the group consisting of: leather, suede, cowhide, fur, fabric, a polymer, a polymer weave, nylon, a meshed material, a woven material and any combination thereof.

Claims 15 to 17 (canceled)

18. (Currently amended) A personal item carrying device comprising:

a strap sized to extend from a first side of a person, along the front of a person, over the shoulder on a second side of the person, and return along the back of the person to the first side;

the strap including (i) a quick release mechanism and (ii) an adjustment member fixed to the strap at a first strap position and slidably engaged to the strap at a second strap position, so that the strap is openable and adjustable to fit over the person's shoulder and around the person's midsection; and

a caddy moveably supported by the strap, the caddy sized to hold a personal item, wherein the caddy further comprises a center member having a middle portion, a first flap extending from a first side of the middle portion center member, a second flap extending from a second side of the middle portion center member, the first and second flaps configured to fold over the middle portion center member and around the strap to moveably secure the caddy to the strap, the center member when unfolded exposing a first side having a plurality of compartments sized to hold personal items, the caddy including at least one other compartment located on a second side of the first side of the center member, wherein the center member and the at least one other compartment further comprises a portion that opens and closes to enable insertion and removal of the personal item.

19. (original): The personal item carrying device of Claim 18, which includes means for securing end portions of the strap to an item of apparel worn at the person's midsection.

20. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 19, wherein the securing means includes a first portion attached to the ends of the straps and a second portion that is attached to the item of apparel.

Claims 21-27 (canceled)

28. (Currently amended) A personal item carrying device comprising:

a strap configured to be placed over a person and to extend from a first side of the person, along the front of the person, over the shoulder on a second side of the person, and return along the back of the person to the first side;

the strap adjustable via a member fixed to the strap at a first strap position and slidably engaged to the strap at a second strap position;

the strap also including an opener that enables the strap to be opened and thereafter be placed around the person's midsection and adjusted via the member;

a member supported by the strap including a middle portion ~~having longitudinal side edges and first and second sides~~, a first flap extending from a first ~~longitudinal side edge~~ of the middle portion, a second flap extending from a second ~~longitudinal side edge~~ of the middle portion, the first and second flaps operable to fold over an inside surface of the middle portion ~~to cover the first side of the middle portion~~ and around and couple to ~~[[a]]~~ the strap and releasably attach to each other ; ~~an~~ , the inside surface of the middle portion of the member including multiple card holding slots; and

an outside surface of the middle portion of the member including a compartment sized to securely hold a cellular phone , wherein the middle portion and the compartment each further comprises an attachment device that opens and closes to enable insertion and removal of at least one of the cards and the cellular phone.

29. (currently amended) The personal item carrying device of Claim 28, wherein ~~at least one of the compartments of the foldable member includes an attachment device selected from the group consisting of: a button, a magnetic device, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof~~ the member further comprises an attachment mechanism selected from the group consisting of a spring clip, a lock, a hook and any combination thereof.

30. (original) The personal item carrying device of Claim 28, which includes a plurality of personal item holding compartments located on the outside side of the foldable member.

31. (previously presented) The personal item carrying device of Claim 1, wherein the portion is selected from the group consisting of: a buckle, a snap, a button, a magnetic device, a clip, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.

32. (previously presented) The personal item carrying device of Claim 18, wherein the portion that opens and closes is selected from the group consisting of: a buckle, a snap, a button, a magnetic device, a clip, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.

33. (previously presented). The personal item carrying device of Claim 23, wherein the portion is selected from the group consisting of: a buckle, a snap, a button, a magnetic device, a clip, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.

34. (previously presented). The personal item carrying device of Claim 28, wherein the attachment device is selected from the group consisting of: a buckle, a snap, a button, a magnetic device, a clip, a frictionally securing device and any combination thereof.